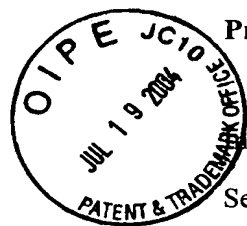


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of Masahiro YATAKE

Serial No.: 09/914,482

Group No.: 1755

Filed: August 28, 2001

Examiner: Veronica F. Faison

For: INK COMPOSITION FOR INK-JET RECORDING AND INK SET
COMPRISING THE SAME

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. The application is qualified as
☐ a small entity.
☒ other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. §1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)". . . an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has no effect on the three-month period set forth in this paragraph."

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

	<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 740.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	five months	\$ 2,010.00	\$ 1,005.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this is a conditional petition being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.116(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

		(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
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Indep.	*	Minus	***	=	x \$ 43=	\$		x \$ 86=	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+ \$145=	\$		+ \$290=	\$
					Total Addit. Fee	\$ _____	OR	Total Addit. Fee	\$ _____

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3,
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 The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

WARNING: "After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

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- (c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

- (d) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____
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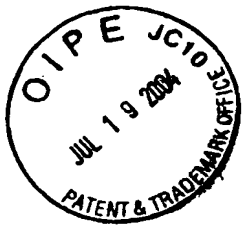
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Further to Applicant's Amendment dated June 1, 2004 and Supplemental
Response dated June 22, 2004, and in supplemental response to the Official Action of

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December 3, 2004, Applicant submits herewith a certified English translation of his Japanese priority application, JP 1999-375315. The Japanese application has a filing date of December 28, 1999 and Applicant thus antedates the cited European publication (EP 1010802, published June 21, 2000) for all claims that are supported by the disclosure of the priority application. The support in the priority application for the present claims is next discussed.

The compound of formula (I) defined in claim 1 of the present application is also disclosed in the priority application specifically, the compound represented by the following formula:

G1-(EP)_n

wherein

G1 represents a glycerin structure;

EP represents an ethyleneoxy and/or propyleneoxy group, optionally, an OH group;

and

n represents an average of addition units, ranging from 0.5 to 10.

It is inherent that the glycerin structure is as follows:

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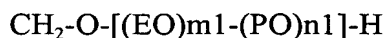
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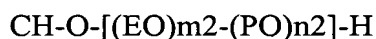
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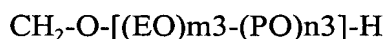
Furthermore, since EP represents an ethyleneoxy and/or propyleneoxy group, "(EP)" is (EO)_m-(PO)_n where EO is an ethyleneoxy group and PO is a propyleneoxy group, m and n represent the number of EO and PO. According to paragraph [0020] of the specification of the priority application, the compound represented by the formula: G1-(EP)_n can be produced by reacting a glycerin with ethylene oxide and propylene oxide or reacting a glycerin with ethylene glycol and propylene glycol to perform the dehydration. In other words, as would be clear to one skilled in the art, the "(EP)" group is replaced with the hydrogen atoms of the OH groups of glycerin. As a result, the compound disclosed in the priority document is illustrated as follows:



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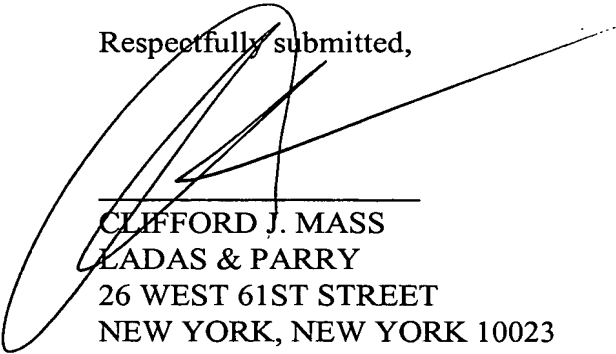
The "n" of (EP)_n in the formula disclosed in the priority application obviously represents $m1+m2+m3+n1+n2+n3$. In addition, where n is 0.5 to 10 in priority document, $m1+m2+m3+n1+n2+n3$ is 0.5 to 10.

Therefore, the same formula (I) of the present claims is disclosed in the specification of the priority document. Glycerin is also disclosed as a component of the ink composition, for example, in claim 3 of the priority document. Regarding claim 15 of the present application, it is also supported by claim 1 of the priority

document.

In view of the above, Applicant is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of his priority application for the claimed invention and, accordingly, antedates the cited European publication. An early and favorable reconsideration of the application is again respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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